

PUTNAM COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Putnam County is located in southern New York in the Hudson River Valley region. In 1998, there were 3,600 acres in farms, two percent of the county's total 148,480 acres. There were 50 farms in the county averaging 72 acres per farm. Putnam county ranks 55th in the state for number of farms and 54th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$2.9 million. Total sales averaged \$60,997 per farm. The leading products sold were: nursery and greenhouse, fruits, nuts, berries, vegetables, sweet corn, and melons, hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds, and horses and ponies.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$477,895. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$35,344 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$2.0 million for an average of \$43,653 per farm. The Census showed 33 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 58.3 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$30,054.

FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	346	49,872	5/	5/	17,222	5/
1950	319	42,935	22,448	4,731	12,510	3,246
1959	156	26,372	11,360	7,782	5,273	1,957
1969	69	13,854	4,503	5/	5,515	5/
1978	58	8,347	4,777	1,125	1,682	763
1982	56	9,968	4,755	969	4,129	5/
1987	55	5,100	1,700	500	2,600	300
1992	50	4,200	1,900	400	1,500	400
1993	50	4,200	1,900	400	1,500	400
1994	55	4,000	1,800	400	1,300	500
1995	55	3,900	1,800	400	1,200	500
1996	55	3,800	1,800	300	1,100	600
1997	60	3,700	1,700	300	1,100	600
1998	50	3,600	1,600	300	1,000	700

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured. 3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		

Under \$10,000	24	25
\$10,000 to \$49,999	12	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1	3
\$100,000 or more	5	6

Farms Reporting	42	48
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U. S. Census of Agriculture

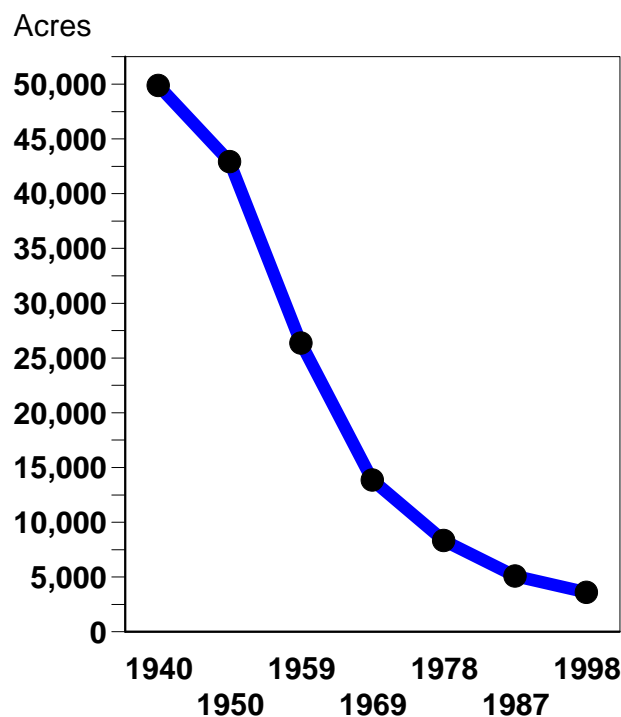
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, Putnam County's population ranked 34th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	16,600	72
1950	20,300	88
1960	31,700	137
1970	56,700	244
1980	77,200	333
1990	83,900	362
1998	93,358	402

U.S. Census of Population

Land in Farms

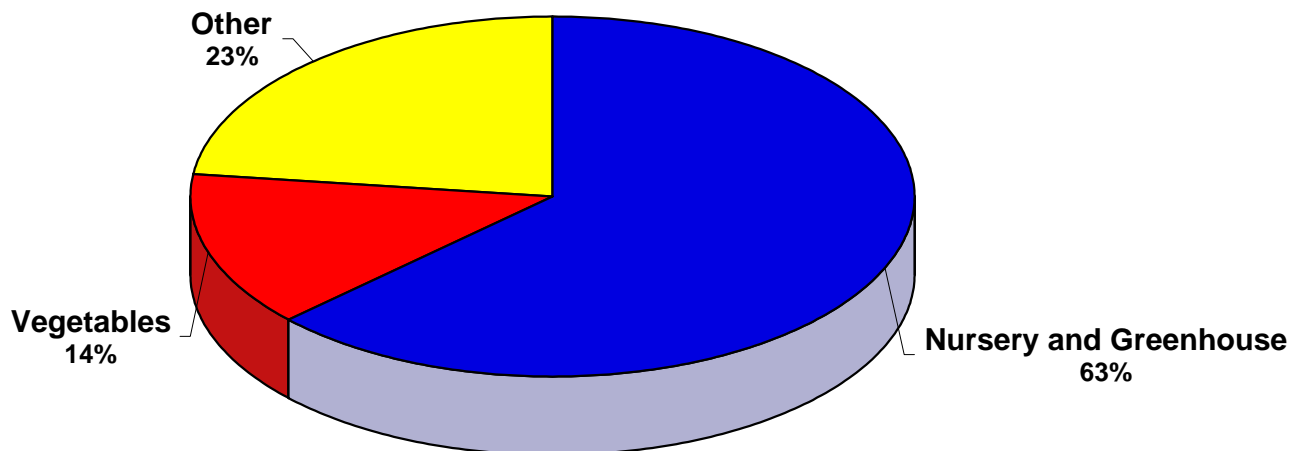


LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales	Percent of all products	County Rank
Nursery and Greenhouse	1,853	63	30
Vegetables	419	14	41
Other	656	23	
TOTAL SALES	2,928		

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Percent of all products



HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	518	2.1	1,073	8,676	1.1	9,214	9,194	1.1	10,287
1950	816	2.1	1,675	6,454	1.4	8,917	7,270	1.5	10,592
1959	1,702	2.1	3,585	3,382	1.3	4,475	5,084	1.6	8,060
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	1,179	2.4	2,859
1978	600	1,400	1,800	1,800	2	3,400	2,400	2.0	4,800
1982	200	600	2,200	2,200	1.8	4,000	2,400	1.9	4,600
1987	300	800	2,000	2,000	1.6	3,200	2,300	1.7	4,000
1992	200	600	2,500	2,500	1.6	4,000	2,700	1.7	4,600
1993	200	400	400	400	2.0	800	600	2.0	1,200
1994	200	400	400	400	2.3	900	600	2.2	1,300
1995	200	400	400	300	2.3	700	500	2.2	1,100
1996	200	400	400	300	2.0	600	500	2.0	1,000
1997	200	500	800	800	1.9	1,500	1,000	2.0	2,000
1998	200	500	700	700	1.9	1,300	900	2.0	1,800

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/Not available

**EQUINE: Inventory and Value,
1997 Census of Agriculture**

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
1135	14	D	

D: Data withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms